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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN MEDIA REACTION TO KISSINGER MEETING WITH
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO CITY

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE WAS MODERATE
IN NICARAGUA'S THREE NEWSPAPERS: OPPOSITION LA PRENSA
CIRCULATION 55 THOUSAND; GOVERNMENT SUPPORTIVE AND SOMOZA-
OWNED NOVEDADES, CIRCULATION 20 THOUSAND; AND INDEPENDENT EL CENTRO-
AMERICANO CIRCULATION 7 THOUSAND. DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY 21-23
LA PRENSA CARRIED BRIEF BUT FAIRLY FACTUAL WIRE SERVICES REPORTS
ON INSIDE PAGES GIVING HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEECHES AND DEBATES AND
ON FEBRUARY 24 AND 25 IT FEATURED EFE ARTICLES WHICH REPORTED
THAT THERE WAS "GREAT GENERAL DISSATISFACTION" AMONG LA
DELEGATES AND CONFERENCE HAD GENERATED "LITTLE ENTHUSIASM AND
LESS HOPE." NOVEDADES IGNORED CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 21 AND
24 BUT ON 22, 23 AND 26 CARRIED WIRE SERVICE STORIES ON KISSINGER
PRESS CONFERENCE AND FINAL COMMUNIQUE. THERE HAS BEEN NO
EDITORIAL COMMENT ON CONFERENCE.

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2. TV COVERAGE WAS MORE EXTENSIVE WITH ONE MANAGUA STATION CARRYING OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES AND KISSINGER PRESS CONFERENCE LIVE. ONE LARGE RADIO STATION ALSO TRANSMITTED THESE EVENTS LIVE WHILE REMAINDER BROADCAST MODERATE LEVEL OF SPOT NEWS REPORTS ON CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ALEJANDRO MONTIEL REPORTED ON THE MEXICO CITY MEETING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 26. LA PRENSA FEBRUARY 26 CARRIED A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE REPORTING THAT MONTIEL HAD TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE MAIN POINTS OF THE CONFERENCE WERE (A) THE FRANK AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES AMONG THE MINISTERS, (B) KISSINGER'S PROMISE TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF AID TO LDC'S, (C) AGREEMENT BETWEEN KISSINGER AND THE LA FONMINS ON RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, (D) A KISSINGER PROMISE TO COOPERATE IN INCREASING FLOW OF TECHNOLOGY COUPLED WITH REMINDER THAT "TECHNOLOGY IS NOT IN THE HANDS OF GOVERNMENTS BUT OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE," AND (E) KISSINGER DEFENSE OF TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND CALL FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO SUCH ENTERPRISES. ON FEBRUARY 27 LA PRENSA CARRIED SECOND FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON MONTIEL PRESS CONFERENCE UNDER PROVOCATIVE HEADLINE "MONTIEL FRANK: NOTHING HAPPENED WITH KISSINGER," WHICH WAS NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY TEXT OF ARTICLE. SURPRISINGLY, NOVEDADES' COVERAGE OF MONTIEL PRESS CONFERENCE WAS LIMITED TO BACK PAGE PHOTOGRAPH OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND BRIEF CAPTION.

4. COMMENT: MONTIEL TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT LA PRENSA FEBRUARY 27 HEADLINE WAS AN UNFORTUNATE DISTORTION OF HIS PRESS CONFERENCE PRESENTATION. DETAILED REPORT OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR SENT MANAGUA 0783.
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